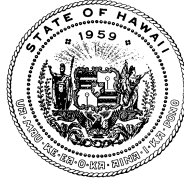


# SB366

Measure Title:	RELATING TO HEALTH.
Report Title:	Alzheimer's; Dementia; Coordinator Position; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position within the Executive Office on Aging.
Companion:	<a href="#">HB581</a>
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH, WAM
Introducer(s):	DELA CRUZ, K. Kahele, Keith-Agaran

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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB0366  
Relating to Health**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao  
PSM Manager, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 13, 2019  
9:10 am

Room Number: 229

**EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, would like to provide comments on SB0366. We support the intent of this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's executive biennium budget.

**Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates unspecified funds for SFY20 and SFY21 for the Executive Office on Aging to fund a dedicated staff position to coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services.

**Purpose and Justification:** Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and it affects 27,000 Hawaii residents, a number that will increase to 35,000 by the year 2025. In addition, an estimated 66,000 unpaid caregivers in Hawaii provide 74,000,000 hours of unpaid care each year. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* identifies strategies in addressing the multifaceted issues in dealing with the

1 disease, the services and activities needed requires leadership and coordination at a systemic  
2 level. Resources are needed to better facilitate and coordinate the collaborative activities to  
3 implement and update the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state plan.

4 During the 2018 Hawaii State Legislative Session, Governor Ige signed Act 146 Relating to  
5 Health. This act added a new section to the EOA Statute, HRS349 to prepare an update of the  
6 State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD). However, no funding was  
7 appropriated to EOA to fund a dedicated position to carry out the mandate, update the State  
8 ADRD Plan, and coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related  
9 dementia services.

10 **Recommendation:** Funding for a dedicated staff position to update the ADRD State Plan and  
11 coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services  
12 is not a part of the Administration's budget request. We support advancing this measure  
13 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities with the Administration's  
14 budget request.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:36:17 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GARY SIMON	Testifying for Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

I am Gary Simon, Chairperson of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.

***PABEA wholeheartedly supports SB 366.***

The position of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Services Coordinator is essential to the effective management and organization of the implementation of the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias among and by state and community agencies.

The position also is vital to preparing the annual State Plan progress report to the Legislature as required by Act 214 of 2013.

PABEA supports EOA's request for funding for the position in the amounts of \$26,478 for FY 2019 – 2020 and \$52,956 for FY 2020 – 2021.

We urge you to support SB 366 and EOA's requested funding.

And, we urge you to recommend its passage.

Thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon

Chairperson, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)



## ALOHA CHAPTER

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February 13, 2019

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

### RE: SB366 RELATING TO HEALTH

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our **strong support** for Senate Bill 366. This bill appropriates funding for one full-time equivalent Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. This position was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

The State of Hawaii recognized the public health crisis of Alzheimer's Disease in 2013 and developed Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. Unfortunately, while the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position remains unfilled, insufficient progress is being made towards adopting the recommendations and strategies.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Since the year 2000, there has been a 258% increase in Alzheimer's deaths in Hawaii. Today, more than 28,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. This public health crisis costs \$17,617 per capita to Medicare and an additional \$207 million to Medicaid each year. Hawaii's 66,000 caregivers carry the heaviest burden, providing an estimated \$944,000,000 in unpaid care.

There is an urgent need to address these issues. The current number of individuals affected will only continue to rise as the baby boomers age. The increase in individuals affected will continue to take a toll on families and on our community as we are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia. Providing funding for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator will allow for our community to lessen the negative impact that this disease poses if left unaddressed.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

Sincerely,



## **ALOHA CHAPTER**

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**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:41:46 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:





# CGPTA

## Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association

Since 2006

**To:** Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health (CPH)

**From:** Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)

**Date:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 9:10 AM

**Place:** Conference Room 229, State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.

**Re: Strong Support for SB366,** Relating to Health.

Aloha e Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and CPH Members,

My name is Steve Lohse, I'm a resident of Chinatown Gateway Plaza (CGP), a 200-unit, city-owned, affordable housing property in Chinatown. I'm also chair of the CGP Tenant Association (CGPTA), organized by CGP residents in 2006 to keep ourselves informed and engaged in matters of concern to our community. **On behalf of the CGPTA, thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in Strong Support for SB366.**

If you're like me, then you have known Alzheimer's victims in your family and community, and you have experienced the sadness of seeing people that you've known all your life gradually incapable of recognizing family and friends. How can we possibly justify not helping?

Please support the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position within the Executive Office on Aging. It is unimaginable that we don't do all we can to support family health, including kupuna health, in Hawaii Nei.

**Please, pass SB366.** Thank you!

Aloha no,  
Steve Lohse, Chair  
Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)  
[CGP.Tenant.Association@gmail.com](mailto:CGP.Tenant.Association@gmail.com)

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 5:45:12 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jean Adair-Leland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Chair and Committee Members:

I am in **strong support** of the appropriation of funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, and it is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.

The Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position was established within the executive office on aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. This coordinator position is absolutely essential as it is tasked with overseeing arrangements of public and private Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services. The coordinator will oversee and assess the needs of the affected as well as potential populations of Alzheimer's Disease and dementias related of Hawaii. Funding of this position is crucial as the number of existing cases of Alzheimer's Disease, as well as the cost of the disease continually rises.

Please support the passage of this measure.

Mahalo,

Jean Adair-Leland

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 5:02:43 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dana K. Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 11:12:19 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine Aotaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

I am in strong support of the appropriation of funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, and it is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.

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As one of the 66,000 caregivers in the state of Hawai'i and as a professional I urge you to please support the passage of this measure.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Poki'i Balaz', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Poki'i Balaz

Thank you for your support!

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 3:19:45 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Joseph Braddock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

*Aloha Chair and Committee Members:*

*I am a former in home Alzheimer's Caregiver to both my Father and my Mother-in-Law . I do not wish that burden of love on anyone. It is for that very reason that I am in **strong support** of the appropriation of funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging.*

*I understand that there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, and it is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.*

*The Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position was established within the executive office on aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. This coordinator position is absolutely essential as it is tasked with overseeing arrangements of public and private Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services. The coordinator will oversee and assess the needs of the affected as well as potential populations of Alzheimer's Disease and dementias related of Hawaii. Funding of this position is crucial as the number of existing cases of Alzheimer's Disease, as well as the cost of the disease continually rises.*

*Please support the passage of this measure.*

*Mahalo-*

*William J Braddock*

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 11:33:26 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ivy Castellanos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 366. I am in strong support of this measure, which appropriates funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, and it is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.

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Please support the passage of this critically important measure. Mahalo for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

Ivy Castellanos

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 5:23:38 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Cazel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

*"Aloha Chair and Committee Members:*

*I am in **strong support** of the appropriation of funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, and it is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.*

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*Please support the passage of this measure.*

*Mahalo,"*



**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:43:25 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosalie Char	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

I am in **strong support** of the appropriation of funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease and is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.

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Please support the passage of this measure.

Mahalo,

Rosalie Char

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 3:58:11 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

I am in ***strong support*** of the appropriation of funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia service coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, and it is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.

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Please support the passage of this measure.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Fernandez

Thank you for your support!

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 1:59:51 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
austin keliinoi- westbrook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**From:** [linda.w.kim@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:linda.w.kim@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Linda Kim](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support of SB1405, Relating to Electronic Smoking Products  
**Date:** Friday, February 8, 2019 1:43:02 PM

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Dear Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Stanley Chang Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Hrg: February 13, 2019 at 9:10 AM at Capitol Room 229

I strongly support SB1405, which would regulate electronic smoking devices (ESDs) and e-liquids as tobacco products through taxation, online shipment restrictions, and licensing and permitting. In addition, it also appropriates \$200,000 to the Hawai'i Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund.

State lawmakers have been trying to regulate ESDs for the last five years. Hawai'i is in the midst of a youth vaping epidemic, and we must regulate these products to reverse this trend. ESDs are the only tobacco products without a tobacco tax and sellers are not required to obtain a tobacco permit and license to sell. Tobacco taxes and increasing the price is a proven strategy that discourages use of these products, especially among youth. I appreciate that a portion of revenues generated from this tax will be dedicated to tobacco prevention, cessation, education programs, which will help support individuals who want to quit. In addition, restricting online sales to retailers with a tobacco license will prevent sales to underage youth.

I strongly support SB1405 and ask you to pass this out of committee.

Sincerely,  
Linda Kim  
Honolulu, HI 97817

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 4:25:31 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Gadam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

*"Aloha Chair and Committee Members:*

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*Please support the passage of this measure.*

*Mahalo,"*

Mary Gadam

**From:** [aprilei@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:aprilei@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Aprilei Ramirez](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Support of SB1405, Relating to Electronic Smoking Products  
**Date:** Friday, February 8, 2019 1:42:40 PM

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I strongly support SB1405 and ask you to pass this out of committee.

Sincerely,  
Aprilei Ramirez  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 11:30:58 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

*Aloha Chair and Committee Members:*

*I am in **strong support** of the appropriation of funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, and it is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.*

*I am passionate about helping people and their caregivers with Alzheimer's and dementia after watching my father suffer a long decline into dementia before passing away in 2017.*

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*Please support the passage of this measure.*

*Mahalo,*

*Nancy Rose*

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 11:03:37 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katrina Sudweeks	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

I am in strong support of the appropriation of funds for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging. In the state of Hawaii, there are currently an estimated 28,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease, and it is the 6th leading cause of death in the state. Most recently reported in 2018, Hawaii's Medicaid expenditure on Alzheimer's Disease care has risen to \$207 million and is projected to increase by 35.4% by the year 2025. Furthermore, the per capita Medicare expenditure on people with dementia was \$17,617.

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Please support the passage of this measure.

Mahalo,

Katrina Sudweeks



To: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Date: February 13, 2019, Conference Room 229, 9:10 a.m.

Re: **SB 366 – RELATING TO HEALTH**  
**Testimony in Strong Support**

Chair Baker and Committee Members:

I **strongly support** SB 366.

Families rarely talk about how Alzheimer's disease is impacting them. But I am compelled to provide this testimony in memory of my father and on behalf of the literally thousands of individuals and unpaid family caregivers that are affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

My family has personally experienced the devastating impact of Alzheimer's Disease. My late father passed away from the disease. Caregiving at home involved myself, my mother, my wife, my son, and my daughter. We personally saw how the disease robbed my father of his ability to control his emotions; behavior; mobility; bodily functions, and ultimately his ability to speak and show his love and appreciation to my mother. He passed away one week short of my parent's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

We are just one family. With similar, but uniquely different situations are the 28,000 Hawaii residents living with Alzheimer's Disease and 66,000 unpaid family caregivers helping their loved ones with the Disease. This makes almost 100,000 Hawaii residents impacted by the Disease right now, that are largely dealing with the Disease on their own.

The State recognized in 2013 the public health crisis of Alzheimer's Disease. A State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias was developed. Unfortunately the Plan has NOT been implemented and is sitting on the shelf.

This bill would appropriate funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position. My hope is that with this position the recommendations of the Plan can be turned into actual policies that are carried out. Hawaii families are living every day the nightmare of this disease. We need to help them now.

I urge you to pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Steve Tam  
Hawaii Kai

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 3:00:08 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Truong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

*Aloha Chair and Committee Members:*

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*Please support the passage of this measure.*

*Mahalo,*

**SB-366**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 3:05:45 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/13/2019 9:10:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David M. Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: